

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Dixon for the helpful and courteous discussion with Applicants' Representative on January 12, 2006. In reply, Claim 7 has been amended to recite traditional Markush language as discussed. In addition, the Amendment filed December 28, 2005, was discussed in detail.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 7-21 will now be active in this application.

Applicants also wish to point out the advantages of the film hinge comprising the claimed specific thermoplastic polyurethane (ii) compared to adhesives. Aromatic adhesives have the disadvantage of having little light stability, while aliphatic adhesives do not exhibit good adhesive properties. On the other hand using the claimed thermoplastic polyurethane, the film hinge can be prepared in very short times, up to half the time it takes using conventional adhesives. The resulting film hinge is more durable, up to two times longer than hinges made with conventional adhesives.

This is not disclosed or suggested by Gugumus and Prissok et al, alone or in combination.

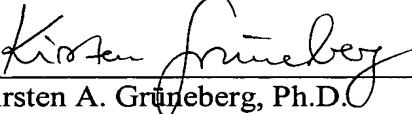
Therefore, the rejection of Claim 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Gugumus and the rejection of Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Gugumus in view of Prissok et al are believed to be unsustainable as the present invention is neither anticipated nor obvious and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed

representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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